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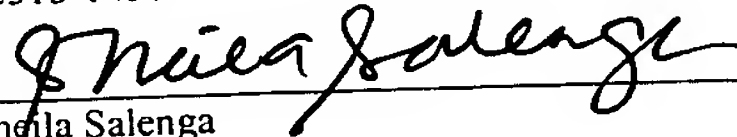
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Transmitted herewith are the papers required to enter the national stage in the U.S. as a designated office/elected office for the following PCT international patent application:

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/JP2004/015834**

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**For: BUCKLE SWITCH AND BUCKLE DEVICE**

☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f))

**Enclosures:**

- ☐ A copy of the international application (if this line is not checked, the international application was previously communicated by the International Bureau or the international application was originally filed in the U.S. PTO).
- ☒ An English Translation of the International Application
- ☐ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- ☐ An Assignment of the Invention to: .  
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- ☐ A copy of the Preliminary Examination Report

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